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SUBJECT: REACTION TO US PROPOSALS ON ENERGY AND RAW  
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1. SUMMARY: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PARIS PROPOSALS EXTENSIVELY REPORTED IN ITALIAN PRESS, COMPENSATING FOR LACK OF ATTENTION GIVEN INITIAL KANSAS CITY PRESENTATION. US INITIATIVE GENERALLY APPLAUDED, BUT DOUBTS THAT PROPOSALS WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO RE-ESTABLISH PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE WIDESPREAD. OFFICIAL REACTION MUTED GIVEN ABSENCE SENIOR GOI OFFICIALS, BUT FM RUMOR'S COMMENTS FROM PARIS FULLY COVERED. END SUMMARY.

2. VIRTUALLY ALL ITALIAN PAPERS DEVOTED SIGNIFICANT COVERAGE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ONE-TWO PARIS PUNCH UNDERLINING NEW US INITIATIVES DESIGNED TO RE-OPEN PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONFERENCE AND BEGIN DIALOGUE ON RAW MATERIALS. STRAIGHT REORTING PREDOMINATED, AND HEADLINES GENERALLY EMPHASIZED FORWARD MOVEMENT IN US POSITION AND EVOLUTION US THINKING ON RAW MATERIALS. EVEN IN PAPERS NORMALLY UNFRIENDLY TO US INITIATIVES (SUCH AS COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY L'UNITA, SOCIALIST PART DAILY AVANTI AND ROME DAILY IL MESSAGGERO) CARRIED LONG, REASONABLY OBJECTIVE ACCOUNTS LARDED WITH QUOTATIONS AND POINTING UP MOVEMENT IN US POSITION VIS A VIS THIRD WORLD.

3. NEWS ANALYSIS GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC, BUT WIDESPREAD DOUBT EXPRESSED THAT PROPOSALS GO FAR ENOUGH TO MEET PRODUCER/THIRD WORLD CONDITIONS FOR RE-OPENING DIALOGUE. L'UNITA CHARACTERIZES THREE-COMMISSION PROPOSAL AS A TRICK TO SEPARATE ENERGY DISCUSSION FROM RAW MATERIALS CONSIDERATIONS, AND FURTHER AS A MEASURE TO STEAL FRENCH THUNDER. IEA CONTEXT CONSIDERED INAUSPICIOUS. OTHER ANALYSIS LESS DISPOSED TO QUESTION US MOTIVES, BUT "SOFTENING" OF US POSITION SEEN AS NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE STEP IN FACING WORLD PROBLEMS OF ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS. THE LEADING FINANCIAL DAILY, MILAN'S 24 ORE/IL SOLE, SAW IN PROPOSALS NEW ATTITUDE TOWARDS INDEXATION, P/C DIALOGUE WHICH MAKES US POSITION MORE "CREDIBLE".

4. OFFICIAL GOI REACTION GENERALLY MUTED DUE ATTENDANCE PRINCIPAL SPOKESMAN AT IEA, OECD, AND NATO MEETINGS. NEVERTHELESS, FROM PARIS PAPERS COVERED INITIAL FAVORABLE REACTION FM RUMOR TO US INITIATIVES, UNDERLINED PRIVATELY TO DCM BY RUMOR'S DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR PETRIGNIANI WHO ALSO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOTED LONG-STANDING GOI POSITION IN FAVOR OF INCREASED DIALOGUE WITH LDC'S. AT THE SAME TIME, OFFICIAL - AND UNOFFICIAL - REMARKS HAVE EMPHASIZED ITALY'S POSITION AS MOST-SERIOUS AFFECTED INDUSTRIALIZED NATION, AND ITS LACK OF RAW MATERIALS.

5. COMMENT: EXTENDED COMMENT AND COVERAGE ON KISSINGER PROPOSALS ESPECIALLY WELCOME SINCE KANSAS CITY SPEECH RECEIVED VIRTUALLY NO COVERAGE IN ITALY, DUE TO TIME

DIFFERTIAL AND STRIKE WHICH KEPT ITALIAN PAPERS FROM  
PUBLISHING AT THAT TIME. DESPITE OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL  
APPLAUSE OF US EFFORTS TO MEET DESIRES OF LDCS, SCHEMES  
IMPLYING RE-DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH AND HIGHER PRICES FOR  
RAW MATERIALS WILL BE OPPOSED BY ITALIAN ECONOMIC AND  
COMMERCIAL INTERESTS WHICH COULD BE HARD HIT DUE TO ITALY'S  
ALMOST COMPLETE DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED RAW MATERIALS (AS  
WAS EXPRESSED MAY 28 TO EMBOFF BY HIGH OFFICIAL IN ITALIAN  
INDUSTRIALISTS' ASSOCIATION). KISSINGER PROPOSALS NOTED  
AGAINST BACKGOURND RUMBLINGS OF IMMINENT OPEC PETROLEUM  
PRICE HIKES, AND INCREASE IN US TAXES ON IMPORTED  
PETROLEUM.VOLPE

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